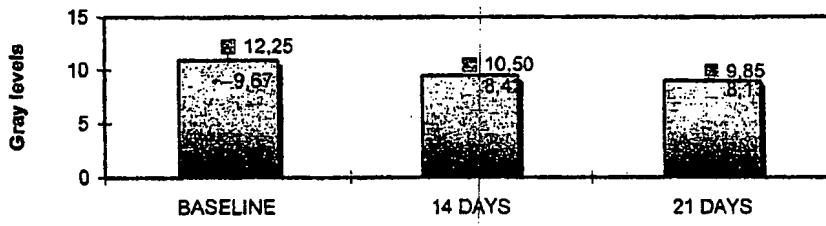


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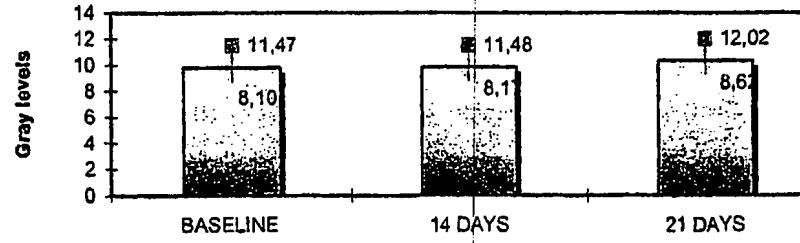
Figure 1 - Prophylometry assessment of longitudinal sulci
(a) on treated nails (14 days vs baseline $p<0.01$ - 21 days
vs baseline $p<0.001$); (b) on untreated controls (not
significant)

Treated nails
PROPHYLOMETRY: LONGITUDINAL RIDGES
Ra (Means & SD)



(a)

UNTREATED CONTROL NAILS
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(b)

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Figure 2 - Time course of onychoschizia (a) and of unguial brittleness (b) during treatment with the composition according to the Example 1 (group 1), a composition like that indicated in Example 1, without hydroxypropyl chitosan (group 2), and a composition like that indicated in Example 1, without Equisetum herb extract (group 3). * $p<0.05$; ** $p<0.01$ between treatments.

